GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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UNDP AID FOR WEAVERS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government propose to invite UNDP or any other international agency to raise the dexterity of the weavers in the country, particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether weavers of Bihar have not received any technical benefit or information from the Government;

(d) whether any steps have been taken to exhibit the goods produced by the weavers of Bihar at international exhibitions and other marketing spots;

(e) whether the Government are contemplating to provide a special package to the weavers of Bihar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India extended adequate assistance under various schemes and programmes to provide technical benefits to the weavers of Bihar. The Central Assistance is being extended to provide information and technical education to weavers through Weavers Service Centre (WSC) located at Bhagalpur.

(d) Under the Scheme Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing, assistance is being extended to the Handloom agencies to develop exportable products. The participation of handloom organisations in the International and domestic fairs and exhibitions is encouraged.

(e) & (f) The Government of India would continue to extend assistance under various developmental and welfare schemes to the State Governments including Bihar for the benefit of handloom weavers on receipt of viable proposals and availability of funds.